

B. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1(canceled)

Claim 2(canceled)

Claim 3(canceled)

Claim 4(canceled)

Claim 5(canceled)

Claim 6(currently amended) A method for connecting a framework comprising a lowest portion to a top of a concrete masonry wall comprising at least one vertical channel, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an anchor retainer assembly comprising an anchor connected to an anchor retainer wherein the anchor comprises a threaded upper end portion and a grout-engaging lower portion and the anchor retainer comprises a body having two flexible legs depending therefrom, at least portions of the flexible legs spaced apart by less than a thickness of the wall when the anchor retainer is not abutting the wall;
- b) placing the anchor retainer assembly on ~~a~~ the concrete masonry wall so that the two legs of the retainer depend downwards on respective sides of the wall[~~],~~] and pushing the retainer assembly downward so that the legs are forced apart to clamp the retainer assembly to the wall by spring forces so that a selected portion of the anchor extends above the top of the wall and so that the grout-engaging end of the anchor depends into the vertical channel;
- d) pouring grout into the vertical channel and allowing the grout to harden so as to capture the grout-engaging end of the anchor therewithin;

- e) disconnecting the anchor retainer from the anchor and removing the retainer;
- f) placing ~~at a~~ a lowest portion of the framework on top of the wall so that the threaded upper end of the anchor extends upward through a throughhole in the lowest portion of the framework; and
- g) threading at least one nut onto the anchor to fasten the framework to the masonry wall.

Claim 7(canceled)

Claim 8(currently amended) The method of Claim 6 further comprising ~~a~~ an additional step carried out subsequent to placing the retainer assembly on the wall and prior to pouring the grout into the vertical channel, the additional step comprising ~~of~~ attaching at least one of the legs of the retainer to the wall by means of a concrete-penetrating fastener.